Unintended benefits by Roche and Burroughs Wellcome

2206. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had ordered an enquiry in respect of sales of formulations based on Trimenthoprim and Sulphamethoxazole in regard to unintended profits made by Roche and Burroughs Wellcome on the basis of instances which came to Government' notice about purchase of these drugs at much cheaper prices;

(b) so, when such instances or complaints came to Government's notice and whether any investigation was done;

(c) if so, when and who investigated these issues;

(d) when was the report finalised and what was the final decision taken;

(e) whether it is also a fact that these companies made crores of rupees as unintended benefits;

(f) if so, whether any amount has been recovered on this account; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No such enquiry has been ordered.

(b) to (g) Government is not aware whether Roche Products Limited or Burroughs Wellcome have procured any Trimethoprim/Sulphamethoxazole at prices lower than the Government fixed prices.

Manufacture of prednisolone

2207. SHRI RAJNI RANAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage from which Wyeth Laboratories have been permitted to manufacture Prednisolone;

(b) whether it is a fact that Wyeth Laboratories have been imported Hydrocortisone which is an intermediate for the production of prednisolone;

(c) if so, what is the quantity imported during the last three years, yearwise along with everage CIF price/Kg. along with source of import;

(d) whether any other company is licensed to produce this drug; and

(e) if so, what is the name of the company, capacity and stage of manufacture permitted along with the production during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) As reported by the Company, M/s. Wyeth Labs are producing Prednisolone from basic state.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) M/s. Tamil Nadu Dadha are licensed to produce 500 Kgs. per annum of Prednisolone. The Company is permitted to base the production on imported intermediates for a maximum period of two years. Thereafter, it is required to start the production from the basis stage. The Company has not yet reported commencement of production of Prednisolone.

इलाहाबाद में टेलीफोन

2208. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 अक्तूबर, 1985 को उत्तर प्रदेश के इलाहाबाद जिले में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की कुल संख्या कितनी थी ;

(ख) 31 अक्तूबर, 1985 को इलाहाबाद में नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन पाने के लिए लम्बित आवेदन पत्रों की कुल संख्या कितनी थी; और

(ग) इन आवेदकों को कब तक नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों दे दिये जाने की संभावना है ?